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FOR ASST SECRETARY SCHAUFLE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH AMIN

1. DURING MARCH 6 MEETING FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA ASKED ME WHETHER THE SECRETARY, DURING HIS PROJECTED VISIT HERE, STILL WISHES TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT AMIN. NGUZA RECALLED IDEA OF MEETING HAD COME UP DURING HIS TALKS IN WASHINGTON SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, BEFORE SITUATION IN ANGOLA HAD DETERIORATED AND BEFORE AMIN HAD "DISAPPOINTED" ZAIRE BY PRECIPITOUSLY RECOGNIZING MPLA. NGUZA SAID MOBUTU, WITH WHOM HE HAD RECENTLY DISCUSSED THIS MATTER, REMAINS WILLING TO ARRANGE FOR AMIN TO COME TO KINSHASA IF THAT IS WHAT THE SECRETARY WISHES.

2. IT IS EVIDENT THAT MOBUTU HAS LOST SOME OF HIS FORMER ENTHUSIASM FOR DEALING WITH THE VOLATILE AMIN. WHILE I HAVE NO DOUBT HE COULD AND WOULD SET UP MEETING, NGUZA MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THERE WILL BE NO RPT NO DISAPPOINTMENT HERE IF THE SECRETARY SHOULD DECIDE AGAINST IT.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.

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